

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON COASTAL WATERS TOWN OF DARIEN

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Green's Ledge Light

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:
MARY FLNN, PARKS & REC COMM.
TOM BELL, HARBOR MASTER,
CAP. GARY PAVIA, POLICE

Minutes of November 5, 2014 Meeting

The meeting, in Room 119, Town Hall, was called to order at 7:35pm by Chairman Huffard.

Present were Chairman Huffard, Vice Chairman Cavers, and Commissioners Kemp, McDonald, Monro, Sparkman and Spivey.

Absent were Vice Chairman of Shellfish Raleigh, and Commissioners Jewett, Schoudel, and Vilter.

Also present were Harbor Master Tom Bell, and past Darien Boat Club Commodore David Dever.

The minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Huffard briefly recapped the status of several issues of interest to the Commission:

- The preparation of the Town Plan of Conservation and Development has begun, with a kick-off meeting on October 22nd. Director of Planning & Zoning, Jeremy Ginsberg, has requested a report from the Commission in January. The Plan, last prepared in 2006, will be issued in 2016

- Commissioner Raleigh has indicated that he would like to resign, although his resignation has not yet been accepted. It is anticipated that Commissioner Spivey will assume responsibilities for monitoring activities related to shellfish and shellfishing.

- the description of Commission activities for the Town's Annual Report will be prepared by Commissioners Huffard, Cavers and McDonald and Raleigh

- the four Commissions task forces (Dredging, Rock Hazards, Town Plan, and Shellfish) will require volunteers and leadership from within the Commission. A chart will be prepared that will show the task forces for which volunteers will serve.

Shellfish Chairman's Report

Commissioner Spivey reported that shellfish had been moved to the recreational beds, and that the beds are open for claming, with no water quality problems identified.

Harbor Master's Report

Harbor Master Bell summarized the costs that are anticipated for development of a dredging plan and survey, and noted that he would pursue opportunities for funding the project with the Selectmen.

Other Business

The Darien Boat Club's Past Commodore David Dever provided a summary of the status of the plan for expansion of the dock area. With the Army Corp of Engineers approval in hand, the Club is now applying to the State DEEP for a permit, which is seen as a two year process. Once the DEEP permit is secured, the costs for implementing the project can be better estimated, and the the project costs and plan will be submitted for approval by the Club's membership. It was noted that the Corp of Engineers has granted permission for disposal of the spoils in the western dumping area (South of Long Neck Point), so that the costs of transporting dredged material will be minimized. Finally, it was noted that the E-Dock is being replaced this spring. Vice Chairman Cavers suggested that the Darien Boat Club might provide a schedule and list of key upcoming activities associated with the expansion project to help the Commission better follow and review the club's plans.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 7:30pm, Room 119, Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank B. Kemp

Clerk